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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Koichi TERASHIMA, et al.
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING
PROCESS THEREFOR
Appl. No.: 10/576,412
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Examiner: Allan R. Wilson
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the election of species set forth in the Office Action mailed January 29, 2009, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species 1: Figs. 4, 5 and 8.

Applicants believe that at least claims 1, 6, 7, 20, 21 and 22 correspond to species 1.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith,

Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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